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CONGRESS OF HUNGARIAN-SOVIET SOCIETY

The second congress of the MESET (Magyar Scovjet Tarsasag, Hungarian-Soviet Society) was held at Budapest 14 - 15 February 1953 with an attendance of 700 members, including J. D. Kiselev, Soviet Ambassador; N. G. Reznichenko, First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy; Ferenc Erdei, Minister of Agriculture and President of the MS2T; Jozsef Revai, Minister of Culture; Istvan Dobi, Chairman of the Presidential Council; Sandor Ronai, member of the Politburo of the Hungarian Workers Farty; Jonsef Darvas, Minister of Education; Istvan Denes, Secretary General of DISZ (Dolgozo Ifjak Szovetsege, Federation of Working Youth); Albert Bereczky, Protestant bishop; Laszlo Dezsery, Evangelical bishop; Arpad Hazi, Deputy Minister Fresident; Laszlo Kovacs, Debrecen secretary of the MSZT; Ri Sun Mo, representative of the Korea-Soviet Society; Brig Gen Istvan Otta; Endre Domanovsky, Munkacsy-Prize-winning painter; Aurel Duma, representative of the Rumanian-Soviet Society; Mrs. Laszlo Erdei, Deputy Secretary General of the MNDSZ (Magyar Nok Dolgozo Czovetsege, Federation of Hungarian Working Women); Musin Krei, representative of the Albanian-Soviet Society; Endre Valko, Secretary General of the Maszaki es Termeszettugomanyi Egyesuletek Szovetsege (Association of Technical and Scientific Societies); Sandor Nagy, Stalin-Frize-winning author; Endre Gellert, chief stage director of the National Theater; Stefan Major, representative of the Czechoslovak-Soviet Friendship Society; Fetko Ivanov, representative of the Bulgarian-Soviet Society; Endre Namecz, Professor at the Veszprem University of the Chemical Industry; Dr Imre Szabo, Catholic bishop; Ernest Petit, representative of the French-Soviet Society; Dr Zoltan Bene, director of the Szolnok hospital; Lajbuz Dagersurum, representative of the Mongol-Soviet Society; Kurt Sedlmayr, Kossuth-Frize-winning seed specialist; Mirja Kuonaniemi, representative of the Finnish-Soviet Society; Ferenc Horvath, director of the Magyar Nephadsereg Szinhaza (Theater of the Hungarian People's Army); and Wei Ch'ueh, representative of the Sino-Soviet Friendship Society.

The principal address saw delivered by Bela Kelen, Secretary General of the MSZT, who praised the USDR for the help which it had given to Hungary and stated that the membership of the MSZT has exceeded 1,300,000.

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Jozsef Revai extolled the USSR as the teacher of the Hungarian people and gave credit to the MSZT for its work in promoting friendship between the USSR and Hungary.

Wei Ch'ueh said that the Sino-Soviet Friendship Society has 59,931,540 members. Yi Sun-mo spoke of the resistance of the Korean people against extended Hungary's gratitude to the USSR for sending several prominent Soviet physicians to Hungary.

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